

Coast Guard, DHS

§ 10.465

§ 10.464 Requirements for licenses as master of towing vessels.

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(1) Have a minimum of 30 days of training and observation on towing vessels for the route being assessed, except as noted in paragraph (e) of this section; and

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§ 10.465 Requirements for licenses as mate (pilot) of towing vessels.

(a) If you would like to obtain a license as mate (pilot) of towing vessels endorsed with a route listed in column

1 of Table 10.465-1, then you must complete the service in columns 2 through 5. If you hold a license as master of towing vessels (limited) and would like to upgrade it to mate (pilot) of towing vessels, then you must complete the service in columns 5 and 6. If you hold a license as mate (pilot) of towing vessels (limited) and would like to upgrade it to mate (pilot) of towing vessels, then you must complete the service in columns 2 through 5 and pass a limited examination. A license with a route endorsed in column 1 authorizes service on the subordinate routes listed in column 7, without further endorsement.

TABLE 10.465-1--REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE AS MATE (PILOT¹) OF TOWING VESSELS

¹ ROUTE ENDORSED	² TOTAL SERVICE ²	³ TOS ³ ON TV AS APPRENTICE MATE (STEERSMAN)	⁴ TOS ⁴ ON PARTICULAR ROUTE	⁵ TOAR ⁴ OR AN APPROVED COURSE	⁶ 30 DAYS OF OBSERVATION AND TRAINING WHILE HOLDING MASTER (LIMITED) AND PASS A LIMITED EXAMINATION	⁷ SUBORDINATE ROUTE AUTHORIZED
(1) OCEANS (O)	30	12 of 30	3 of 12	YES	YES	NC, GL-I
(2) NEAR- COASTAL (NC)	30	12 of 30	3 of 12	YES	YES	GL-I,
(3) GREAT LAKES-INLAND (GL-I)	30	12 of 30	3 of 12	YES	YES	
(5) WESTERN RIVERS (WR)	30	12 of 30	3 of 12	YES	NO (90 days service required)	

¹ For all inland routes, as well as Western Rivers, the license as pilot of towing vessels is equivalent to that as mate of towing vessels. All qualifications and equivalencies are the same.

² Service is in months unless otherwise indicated

³ TOS is time of service.

⁴ TOAR is Towing Officers' Assessment Record.

(b) Before you serve as mate (pilot) of towing vessels on the Western Rivers, you must possess 90 days of observation

and training and have your license endorsed for Western Rivers.

(c) Each company must maintain evidence that every vessel it operates is

under the direction and control of a licensed mariner with appropriate experience, including 30 days of observation and training on the intended route other than Western Rivers.

(d) If you hold a license as a mate of inspected, self-propelled vessels of greater than 200 gross register tons or one as first-class pilot, then you may operate towing vessels within any restrictions on your license if you—

(1) Have 30 days of training and observation on towing vessels for the route being assessed, except as noted in paragraph (b) of this section; and

(2) Hold a completed Towing Officer's Assessment Record (TOAR) described in §10.304(h) that shows evidence of assessment of practical demonstration of skills.

Your license does not need a towing endorsement if you hold a TOAR or a course completion certificate.

(e) An approved training course for mate (pilot) of towing vessels must include formal instruction and practical demonstration of proficiency either on board a towing vessel or at a shoreside training facility before a designated examiner, and must cover the material (dependent upon route) required by §10.910-2 for apprentice mate (steersman), towing vessels on ocean and near coastal routes; apprentice mate (steersman), towing vessels on Great Lakes and inland routes; or, steersman, towing vessels on Western Rivers routes.

(f) If you began your service or training before May 21, 2001, you may receive a license as mate of towing vessels if before November 21, 2003, you complete the examination required by §10.903(a)(18)(i) and meet the requirements in either paragraph (f)(1)(i) or (f)(1)(ii) of this section:

(1) You must have served at least 18 months on deck, including 12 months on towing vessels. This service must have included—

(i) At least 3 months of training or duty in the wheelhouse of towing vessels, and 3 months of service in each particular geographic area for which you seek endorsement on the license; and

(ii) At least 6 months on towing vessels while holding a merchant mariner's document endorsed as able seaman unlimited, able seaman limited, or able seaman special, including 3 months in each particular geographic area for which you seek an endorsement; and either—

(A) Two months of training or duty in the wheelhouse; or

(B) One month of training or duty in the wheelhouse combined with completion of a course of training as towboat operator approved by the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center, under subpart C of this part.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By USCG-2006-26202, 73 FR 52794, Sept. 11, 2008, §10.465 was amended, effective Oct. 14, 2008, by:

a. Amending paragraph (a) by adding the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:

b. Revising table 10.465-1 to read as follows;

c. In paragraph (d) introductory text, removing the words "inspected, self-propelled" and adding, in their place, the words "steam or motor";

d. Revising paragraph (d)(1) to read as follows; and

e. Redesignating existing paragraphs (e) and (f) as paragraphs (f) and (g) and adding new paragraph (e). For the convenience of the user, the added and revised text is set forth as follows:

§10.465 Requirements for licenses as mate (pilot) of towing vessels.

(a) * * * Time of service requirements as an apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels may be reduced by an amount equal to the time specified in the approval letter for the completed Coast Guard-approved training programs.

TABLE 10.465-1—REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE AS MATE (PILOT¹) OF TOWING VESSELS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Route endorsed	Total service ²	TOS ³ on T/V as apprentice mate (steersman) ⁵	TOS ³ on particular route	TOAR ⁴ or an approved course	30 days of observation and training while holding master (limited) and pass a limited examination	Subordinate route authorized
(1) OCEANS (O)	30	12 of 30	3 of 12 ...	YES	YES	NC, GL-I
(2) NEAR-COASTAL (NC) ...	30	12 of 30	3 of 12 ...	YES	YES	GL-I

TABLE 10.465–1—REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE AS MATE (PILOT¹) OF TOWING VESSELS—
Continued

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Route endorsed	Total service ²	TOS ³ on T/V as apprentice mate (steersman) ⁵	TOS ³ on particular route	TOAR ⁴ or an approved course	30 days of observation and training while holding master (limited) and pass a limited examination	Subordinate route authorized
(3) GREAT LAKES-INLAND (GL-I).	30	12 of 30	3 of 12 ...	YES	YES.	
(5) WESTERN RIVERS (WR)	30	12 of 30	3 of 12 ...	YES	NO (90-days service required).	

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(d) * * *

(1) Have a minimum of 30 days of training and observation on towing vessels for the route being assessed, except as noted in paragraph (b) of this section; and

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(e) If you hold any license as a master of steam or motor vessels of any tonnage that is 200 GRT or less, except for the limited masters' licenses specified in 46 CFR 10.429 and 10.456, then you may obtain an endorsement as mate (pilot) of towing vessels by meeting the following requirements:

(1) Providing proof of 36 months of service as a master under the authority of a license described in paragraph (e) of this section;

(2) Successfully completing the appropriate TOAR;

(3) Successfully completing the appropriate apprentice mate exam; and

(4) Having a minimum of 30 days of training and observation on towing vessels for the route being assessed, except as noted in paragraph (b) of this section.

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§ 10.466 Requirements for licenses as apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels.

(a) As Table 10.466–1 shows, if you would like to obtain a license as apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels listed in column 1, endorsed with a route listed in column 2, then you must complete the service requirements indicated in columns 3 through 6.